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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US has alleged that India has set up trade barriers that may harm American interest; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): The 2005 National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers released by US has raised concerns with regard to India on the taxes and tariffs being high, perceived non trade barriers affecting trade, investment and also the deficiencies in the protection of IPRs. These concerns have been discussed from time to time with various representatives of USA and USA acknowledges in the Report that India has taken noteworthy steps to open its markets since 1991 and that the government has made substantial progress in restructuring the tariff applied to non agricultural goods.